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RE: **Storytelling Festival Set for Saturday, August 9, in Cleveland Park**

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Share an evening of quality time with your family in the park. Explore the world of imagination with *The Greenville Storytellers' Guild*, whose treasure-trove of storytellers is as diverse as the stories they tell.

**Twilight Tales: An Evening of Storytelling in the Park** is set for Saturday, August 9, in Greenville's Cleveland Park. Storytelling begins at 7 p.m. and continues until 9 p.m. Admission is free; attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic and lawn chair. The rain date is Saturday, August 16.

Hosted by *The Greenville Storytellers' Guild* and the *City of Greenville Parks and Recreation*, the evening will feature six area storytellers:

- **Monty Tucker:** A local actor, storyteller and jeweler (Travis Inc., Cleveland Street) will share his own brand of storytelling, guaranteed to be entertaining. Monty is a founding member of *The Greenville Storytellers' Guild* and serves as current president.
- **Sandy Faulkner:** Storyteller and teacher in Anderson County, Sandy draws on her rich family heritage and diverse education in psychology and education, reading, and curriculum and supervision – all from which she gleans her stories.
- **Ray White:** A retired Presbyterian minister with 30 years pastoral experience, Ray became interested in storytelling while pursuing a doctoral degree in "Preaching as Storytelling" at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Ray is the Founding Father of *The Greenville Storytellers' Guild*.
- **Bill Landrum:** A teller of tales from the Celtic tradition and the Southern Appalachian Mountains, Bill is Scottish by ancestry and native Southern by birth. He mixes Celtic stories of mirth and valor with stories from his home in the foothills of the Great Smokey Mountains. Bill's voice has a lilt of Scottish burr, which captivates his audiences with stories ranging from time forgotten to the present day. Bill often includes Celtic and Mountain music to his stories.
- **Melinda Long:** An eighth grade teacher at Tanglewood Middle School and a storyteller, Melinda also is the author of *When Papa Snores* and *Hiccup Snickup*,

published through Simon and Schuster. Her upcoming book, *How I Became a Pirate*, published through Harcourt Brace has been recently chosen by *Children's Book of the Month Club* as a main selection for September 2003 and is being translated into Greek.

- **Charlene Vinson:** A retired teacher of elementary and secondary special education, language arts, and drama in Anderson County, and Master storyteller, “Charlee” holds a Master’s Degree in Story Arts from East Tennessee State University. She is currently serving on the board of *South Carolina Storytellers’ Network* and was chosen to represent the Upstate in this year’s South Carolina Showcase at *Stone Soup*, South Carolina’s official State Storytelling Festival, held annually in Woodruff, SC. Born in a dresser drawer and raised in a cardboard box, Charlee’s unique collection of childhood memories of growing up on the move, meshed with the vivid imagination of one who is forever twelve, give her stories delightful and intriguing flavor that can be appreciated by children of all ages.

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